

MEDIA ADVISORY

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CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFERS RESOURCES FOR SELECTING CONTRACTORS

CONTRACTOR TYPES, LICENSE INFORMATION, APPLICATION & RENEWAL PROCESS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

INDIANAPOLIS – The Department of Code Enforcement (DCE) would like to remind Indianapolis residents—in the wake of recent severe storms, high precipitation and floodwater—that verifying contractors are licensed with the City and/or State is just as important as finding a "good deal" for contract services.

DCE grants licenses to individuals and business organizations that are engaged in construction activities in the City of Indianapolis-Marion County. All contractors must be licensed and secure required permits to perform any work. Contractors engaging in any construction, land alteration, sewer work, driveway work or excavation are required to be listed as a contractor.

General Contractors, meeting stated requirements and interested in becoming licensed, can apply for a listing with the City of Indianapolis. Orientation meetings for General Contractors are normally held twice a month on Thursday mornings. Beginning this year, DCE now offers a streamlined electronic submittal process for contractor renewals. This new service allows contractors to renew without coming to our office.

Before hiring a contractor, please contact the Department of Code Enforcement or check the listings posted on DCE's website to verify whether a contractor is licensed, and has the required general liability insurance coverage, surety bond, and workman's compensation coverage or waiver.

If you suspect an unlicensed contractor or non-permitted work, please call the Mayor's Action Center at 327-4MAC (4622). Indianapolis-Marion County practicing licensed contractors can be found by calling 327-8700 or by visiting DCE on the web at www.indy.gov/dce.

For additional information about the Department of Code enforcement, please visit www.indy.gov/dce.

The mission of the Department of Code Enforcement (DCE) is to improve the quality of life in the City of Indianapolis through strategic application of civil code regulation; effective licensing, permitting, inspection, enforcement, and abatement practices; and local government oversight of property safety and maintenance, business, event, professional, and construction industries.